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WHOLE NO. 60

JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING

As cited in the "New Issues" of this Newsletter, France has honored General John J. Pershing with a 3.40 franc stamp on June 13, 1987.



*Per 2004
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John Joseph Pershing was born Sept. 13, 1860, near Laclede, Linn County, Mo.. He attended state normal school in Kirksville, Mo., and in 1886 was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He was commissioned in the cavalry and participated in several Indian uprising suppressions until 1891. From 1891 to 1895 he was military instructor at the Univ. of Nebr. where he also took a law course and received an LL.B. degree in 1893. He was an instructor in tactics at West Point from 1897 to 1898. He served with the Tenth Cavalry and the Ordnance Department during the Spanish American War. After organizing the Bureau of Insular Affairs and serving as its chief for a year, he was on duty in the Philippines from 1899 to 1903. He served in the Far East until 1906 when Pres. T. Roosevelt promoted him from Capt. to Brig. Gen. He returned to the Philippines in 1906 and in 1913 was appointed commander of the Eighth Cavalry Brigade headquartered at The Presidio, San Francisco. There, on Aug. 27, 1915, he lost his wife and three daughters in a fire while he was absent on the Mexican border.

In May 1917 he, as Maj. Gen., was placed in command of the AEF which were sent to France. On Oct. 6, 1917, he was promoted to the rank of full general and on Sept. 3, 1919, he was given the title of "General of the Armies of the United States", a title he alone has held. After his return to the U.S. on July 1, 1921, he was appointed Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, serving as such until his retirement for age on Sept. 13, 1924. He remained active and was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in history in 1932. He died in Washington, D.C., July 15, 1948.

Bro. Pershing was a member of Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Lincoln, Nebr., receiving his degrees on Dec. 4, 11 and 22, 1888. He received his 50-year award on Jan. 5, 1939. On Sept. 30, 1941, he was made an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Missouri and the certificate was presented to him by Harry S. Truman, then a U.S. Senator, at the Walter Reed Hospital, Feb. 24, 1942. In 1919 he was made an honorary member of Stansbury Lodge No. 24, Washington, D.C..

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

- 490. Ugur Tarhan, P.K.84, Kucukesat, Ankara, Turkey
- 491. Winfield L. Chatto, 16 Franklin St., Rockland, ME 04841

REINSTATEMENTS

- 57. Daniel Frankignoul, Clos des Peupliers 64, 1200 Brussels, Belgium
- 235. Henry Murray, P.O.Box 143, Palmers Green, London N12 4XN England

WITHDRAWALS

- 143. Paul Berkley
- 385. Albert Heiserer, Jr.
- 470. William Schuchman

ADDRESS CHANGES

- 10. Edward L. King, P.O.Box 816, Bangor, Me. 04401
- 84. John E. Slade, 351 Allison St., Longwood, Fla. 32750
- 141. Harold R. Mullin, 2543 Painter Court, Annapolis, Md. 21401
- 319. Anthony J. Salzman, 5720 N.W. 64 Terr., Gainesville, Fla. 32606
- 413. Herbert Rasmussen, 357 Moreton Bay Lane, Goleta, Cal. 93117
- 487. Carol D. Long, 860 Lucas St., Park Hill, S.C. 29720

CLOSED ALBUMS

- 429. William Diemunsch, Sicklerville, N.J.

MEMBER'S ACTIVITIES

Bro. Richard M. Needham is back on the inactive list for a while. He fell down his basement steps on May 8 and suffered two fractures in his arm. His wife Ruth has sent a note informing us of this latest problem and comments that he won't be filling any Mahdeen orders or answering correspondence for a while. We do know, however, that he would be very glad to hear from any and all of the members as we all wish him a rapid recovery. Write to him at 708 No. Mt. Pleasant Ave., Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

Bro. Donald A. Wilder of Peaks Island, Maine, is going to place some of his Masonic stamp collection in an exhibit sponsored by the Portland, Me., Post Office in conjunction with the annual Deering Oaks Family Festival of that city. The exhibit will be shown at a special philatelic station set up for the Festival from July 21 to 26. Anyone in that area should plan to stop in and view Bro. Don's effort.

Bro. Maurice A. Coker is presently serving as Worshipful Master of his Lodge - Walla Walla Lodge No. 7 in the state of Washington. After serving as secretary of this Lodge for 9 years, he decided to enter the line and did so at the Junior Warden level. He has filled the top three chairs of Council of Kadosh and is just finishing the top chair of Consistory in the Walla Walla Scottish Rite. He has also just been elected Associate Patron (for the second time around) of Golden Sheaf Court #60 Order of Amaranth, Inc. As he states "I still keep busy for being retired".

MEMBER'S ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)

Bro. Frank H. Elliott was just recently installed as the 3rd Worshipful Master of the Antrim Lodge of Installed Masters No. 218, Irish Constitution, of Belfast, No. Ireland. He helped form this Lodge three years ago. A cover commemorating the event is discussed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Bro. Lewis J. Callison, Chaplain of Covina Lodge No. 334, F.& A.M., Covina, Cal., was honored on June 2 at a stated meeting of his Lodge by being the recipient of his Lodge's Hiram Award. Congratulations Bro. Lew on achieving this honor.

Bro. Jack Welch continues to find interesting Masonic Postal History, another example is shown elsewhere in this issue. He is also Editor of the newsletter of his local stamp club - Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center Stamp Club, Houston, Texas.

One of our members or former members has given up cover collecting. Bro. Jack Welch sent a copy of the Roger Koeber Auction catalog for a June 5 sale. Lot No. 982 consisted of approximately 140 Masonic covers, mostly of the 1970's-80's, a complete run of "The Philatelic Freemason" from Aug. 1977 to Dec. 1986 and a copy of your Editor's Masonic Cacheted Covers Catalog. The estimated value was cited as \$150.00; I wonder what value the hammer came down at.

MARYLAND MASONIC COVERS

In the most recent issue of the Newsletter there was an item on the series of covers published for the 200th anniversary of Freemasonry in Maryland. The covers had not yet been received at that time but have now arrived and can be illustrated. The set of covers are still available for \$4.00 and can be ordered from Dr. John P. Coats Memorial Lodge, G.L. of A.F.& A.M. of Maryland, 225 No. Charles St. Baltimore, Md. 21201. Please enclose a #10 SASE with your order.

Bicentennial Anniversary
1787 - 1987

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MARYLAND FREEMASONRY
TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF
1787 - 1987
APRIL 17 1987

M.W. Thomas J. Shryock
Grand Master of Masons
1885 - 1918

Grand Master when Centennial
was Observed in 1887
Served 33 Years as Grand Master

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AVERY BRUNDAGE

Sept. 28, 1987, marks the Centenary of the birth of Bro. Avery Brundage. He was born on that date in 1887 in Detroit, Mich., and was graduated in engineering from the University of Illinois in 1909. He established and was president of Avery Brundage Co., Builders, from 1915 to 1947, was chairman of the Roanoke Real Estate Co. starting in 1932 and president of Roanoke Hotel Corp. from 1939 to 1945. These activities made him a multi-millionaire. He was a collector of Oriental art and was a trustee of the Art Institute of Chicago.

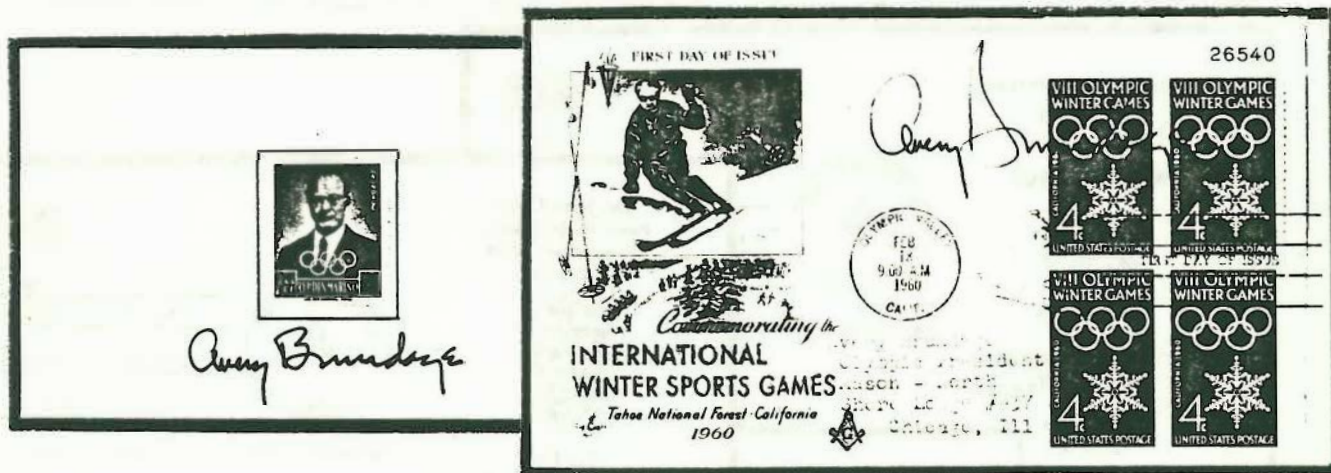
As an amateur sportsman, he was all-around American Amateur Champion in 1914, 1916 and 1918. From 1929 to 1945 he was president of the U.S.Olympic Association succeeding Bro. Gen. Douglas MacArthur. He was president of the International Olympic Committee from 1952 until the close of the Summer Olympics at Munich in 1972. He was the fifth president of the IOC and the first non-European. He received many foreign decorations for his devotion to amateur athletics.

His first wife having died in 1971, Bro. Brundage remarried, sold most of his real estate holdings and retired in 1973 to the water sports resort of Garmisch-Partenkirch in the Bavarian Alps where he died May 8, 1975.

Bro. Brundage was initiated March 7, passed April 11 and raised May 2, 1911, in North Shore Lodge No. 937, Chicago. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite Consistory (N.J.) and Medinah Shrine Temple, both of Chicago.

Avery Brundage was pictured on a San Marino stamp, Scott No. 429, issued May 19, 1959, and can be associated with the U.S.Olympics issue, Scott No. 1146, of Feb. 18, 1960. The autographed cover is from the collection of Bro. Stan Longenecker, the mounted stamp is from the Editor's collection.

-Article contributed by Bro. Stan Longenecker,
Lancaster, Penna.



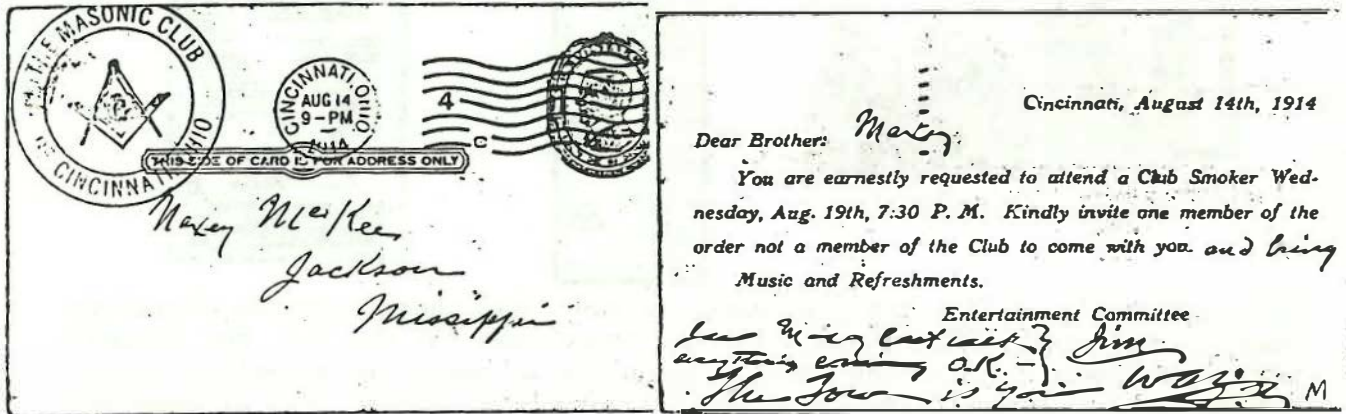
COVER FOR FREEMASONRY IN LYKENS, PA.

A cachet will be issued on June 20, saluting the 100th Anniversary of Freemasonry in Lykens, Pa.; the Worshipful Master will autograph the cover if requested. The cost of each cover is \$1.00 and they can be obtained from Maurice Minnich, Ashlar Lodge No. 570, 201 W. Main St., Lykens, Pa. 17048. Addressed, gummed labels are appreciated.

Your Editor has sent for a few copies and will illustrate them when received.

MASONIC POSTAL HISTORY - SMOKERS

Bro. Jack Welch of La Porte, Texas, has provided us a copy of one of his recent acquisitions in the field of Masonic Postal History. The smoker identified on the message side of the card was a popular event in the first quarter of this century. When I was researching the history of my Blue Lodge back in the 1960's I came across several mentions of these smokers in the Lodge minutes. Most of them were held in conjunction with a meeting (obviously the non-members were excused or entertained in separate apartments of the temple). In those days it was popular to serve cigars all around so the event took on the aire (and air) of its title - a smoker. Neither Jack nor I can decipher the meaning of "The Town is yours" - nevertheless, an interesting addition to his collection.



ANOTHER MASONIC ALBUM PAGE

Bro. Stan Longenecker of Lancaster, Pa., has supplied examples of the type of page he uses for his Masonic stamp collection. Using a standard border, Stan embellishes the top with the desired title and then gets the product photocopied onto card stock paper. Another good approach - thanks for sharing them with us Bro. Stan.

(Note the AARP stamp used postally on the cover illustrated. It looked enough like a regular stamp to pass or else the USPS wasn't very alert.)



L. Washington



"a horse of a different Cover"



FREEMASONRY AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

As mentioned in a previous Newsletter, the USPS is planning a series of postal releases during 1987 to commemorate the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. The first release, a 14 cent Constitutional Convention postal card, was released in Philadelphia, Pa., on May 25 - the bicentennial date of the convening of the Convention. The second release, a booklet pane of five commemoratives featuring the Preamble to the Constitution, will be issued on August 28. The final release, a 22 cent commemorative stamp, will be issued on September 17 in Philadelphia, Pa., to recognize the 200th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.



Constitutional Convention, 1787



Quite naturally, Masons are interested in the roles their brethren played in these famous events. The Masonic Service Association of the U.S. has issued a series of booklets to address this subject and to prescribe potential Lodge activities and recognitions which could be exercised during this bicentennial year. These booklets are:

- "We The People..." (The Constitution and Freemasonry) (1985).
- Lodge Guide for Celebrating the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution (1987).
- Masonic Membership of the Signers of the Constitution of the United States (1986) Reprint of the 1962 booklet by Bro. R.E.Heaton.

These booklets define the activities associated with the Constitutional Convention and the laborious creation, signing and ratification of the U.S. Constitution. They also identify those participants who were known to have been Freemasons and those who might have been members of the Craft but proof has not yet been positively attained.

The Constitutional Convention opened on May 25, 1787, as a quorum of delegates from seven states convened in Philadelphia to discuss revising the Articles of Confederation. Soon thereafter, representatives from 12 of the 13 states were in attendance; Rhode Island alone did not join the Convention. A Virginia Plan was proposed on May 29, 1787, by Edmund Randolph which was highlighted by a bicameral legislature which chose the president, a judiciary branch and a council comprised of the executive and judiciary branch with veto over legislative enactments. On June 15, 1787, William Paterson proposed the New Jersey Plan which only modified the Articles of Confederation giving Congress the power to tax and to regulate commerce and establishing a plural executive (without veto power) and a supreme court. Within four days thereafter, the Convention voted to strike the Articles of Confederation and moved on to the business of forming a new national government. The Connecticut Compromise defining the House and Senate representation basis was adopted in July and the initial draft of the Constitution with 23 Articles was submitted to the floor. The Great Debate began which lasted from August 6 to September 10. The final draft was approved by all twelve

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state delegations and on September 17, 1787, was signed by 39 of the 42 delegates present. It was then submitted to the thirteen states for ratification - a total of nine was required for the Constitution to take effect. This action was achieved on June 21, 1788, with New Hampshire being the ninth state. ✓

Of the 55 Deputies who completed the U.S. Constitution, twenty are known or believed to have been members of the Fraternity. These twenty brethren are:

Gunning Bedford, Jr. (Delaware) Member of Lodge No. 14 at Christiana Ferry, Del., receiving his degrees on March 21, 1782, July 10, 1782, and September 11, 1782. Elected first Grand Master of Delaware on June 7, 1806, installed on August 4, 1806, re-elected in 1807 and again in 1808.

John Blair (Virginia) Initiated on December 21, 1762, in a Lodge at the "Crown Tavern". Charter member under the new English charter of 1773. Passed and raised on December 22 (or 23), 1773. Succeeded Peyton Randolph as Master of Williamsburg Lodge in 1774. Elected first Grand Master of Masons of Virginia on October 13, 1778, and served until 1784.

William Blount (North Carolina) It is believed he was a Mason but no record as yet been found of his membership. "Some Masonic writers claim he was a member of Unanimity Lodge No. 54, Edenton, N.C.: Certainly an error as there was no Lodge at Edenton until 1809. Blount died in 1800.

David Brearly (New Jersey) It is believed that he was made a Mason in Military Lodge No. 19 of Pennsylvania. First Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey from 1786 until his death in 1790.

Daniel Carroll (Maryland) He received his degrees in Lodge No. 16, Baltimore, Md., on May 9, 1780, July 11, 1780, and May 8, 1781. He participated Masonically at the Cornerstone laying ceremonies Capitol on April 15, 1791, and September 18, 1793.

William Richardson Davis (North Carolina) Member of Royal White Hart Lodge No. 2, Halifax, N.C.. Grand Master of North Carolina 1792-1798.

Jonathan Dayton (New Jersey) Probably a member of Temple Lodge No. 1, at Elizabethtown, and was present at the Grand Lodge of New Jersey on December 30, 1788.

Oliver Ellsworth (New Jersey) Charter member of St. John's Lodge, Princeton, N.J. on December 27, 1765.

Benjamin Franklin (Pennsylvania) Received his degrees on June 24, 1731, in St. John's Lodge held at the Tun Tavern on Water St., Philadelphia. His subsequent illustrious Masonic career is well documented. *Grand Master Pennsylvania*

William Houston (North Carolina) Member of Stokes Lodge No. 32, Cabarrus County, North Carolina.

Rufus King (Massachusetts) A search of the records of St. John's Lodge, Newburyport, Mass., indicates that he was a member of that Lodge.

John Lansing (New York) Member of Master's Lodge No. 2, New York.

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James McHenry (Maryland) Member of Spiritual Lodge No. 23, Maryland, receiving his degrees on May 21, 1806, June 18, 1806, July 30, 1806. Struck off, 1809.

Alexander Martin (North Carolina) Lodge not known. He was made a Mark and Past Master on November 28, 1790. Held several minor positions at various times in the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

William Patterson (New Jersey) Member of Trenton Lodge No. 5, New Jersey, being entered and passed on May 17, 1791, and raised on November 7, 1791.

Nathaniel Pendleton (Georgia) Lodge not known. A Mason from Georgia and referred to in the Masonic messenger of Macon, Georgia, Feb. 1933.

William Pierce (Georgia) Member of Solomon's Lodge No. 1, Savannah, Georgia.

Edmund Randolph (Virginia) Member of Williamsburg Lodge No. 6, Williamsburg, Va., raised May 28, 1774. Grand Master of Virginia 1786-1788.

George Walton (Georgia) Member of Solomon's Lodge No. 1, Savannah, Georgia.

George Washington (Virginia) Member of the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia, receiving his degrees on November 4, 1752, March 3, 1753, and August 4, 1753. His Masonic career has been well documented.

Of the 39 who signed the Constitution on September 17, 1787, thirteen are known to have been Masons and seven are believed to have been Members of the Craft. Those known to have been Masons are:

Gunning Bedford, Jr., John Blair, David Brearley, Daniel Carroll, Jonathan Dayton, Benjamin Franklin, Rufus King, James McHenry, William Paterson, George Washington - all defined above.

Jacob Broom (Delaware) Early member of Lodge No. 14, Christiana Ferry (Wilmington), under Provincial Grand Lodge of Penna.

John Dickinson (Delaware) Entered or raised on January 11, 1780, in Lodge No. 18, Dover, Del., and never since appeared in Lodge.

Nicholas Gilman (New Hampshire) A member of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, N.H., on March 20, 1777.

Those believed to have been Masons:

William Blount - defined above.

William Few (Georgia) Possibly a member of Solomon's Lodge No. 1, Savannah, Ga.

William Samuel Johnson (Conn.) Claimed to be a Mason, possibly confused with son.

John Langdon (N.H.) Membership not traced, possibly St. John's No.1, Portsmouth.

Robert Morris (Pa.) Masonic apron presented to him by Washington in 1774.

George Read (Del.) Alleged membership very doubtful.

Roger Sherman (Conn.) Possibly member of Hiram Lodge No. 1, Conn. Apron said to be his donated to historical collection of Yale University.

NEW ISSUES

Recent philatelic media articles have announced the following new issues which are pertinent to a Masonic collection:

- March 7 Philippines 35th Anniversary of the Lyceum of the Philippines, two values - Jose P. Laurel pictured.
- March 24 Tanzania 60th Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II, 4 values - 10/- shows Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip and two sons.
- April Ghana Set of 3 values + S/S for Halley's Comet - 200¢ value shows Wedgewood pottery honoring Isaac Newton, the comet in 1790 and astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin on the moon in Apollo 11 in 1969.
- June 13 France American Forces' entry in World War I/Gen. Pershing, one value.

POSSIBLE MASONIC NEW ISSUES

Four stamps issued by West Germany on May 5 picture prominent personages. Can anyone in our Unit identify whether any of these men were Freemasons? Any and all information would be appreciated. The four men are:

- Wilhelm Kaisen (100th Birth Anniversary)
Kurt Schwitters (100th Birth Anniversary)
Dietrich Buxtehude (350th Birth Anniversary)
Johann Albrecht Bengel (300th Birth Anniversary)

On July 7, Guernsey will commemorate the 350th anniversary of the birth of Sir Edmund Andros with a four stamp set. Sir Andros served as governor of New York, Virginia and the consolidated northern colonies of America as well as lieutenant-governor of Guernsey. Was he a Mason?

For those who have asked how to do research, this set provides an excellent illustration. First, one should find an adequate definition of Sir Andros' profane (or non-Masonic) biography - where he went to school, where he worked and when. It is very seldom that encyclopedia articles mention any Masonic affiliations but they will define where he was located when he became "of age" and his residences thereafter. The next step would be to contact Lodges (or Grand Lodges) in those areas to see if any Masonic information on him is available in their files. Another approach would be to research any available Masonic histories of the area for proper references. Positive findings will yield a successful ending - there will most likely never be a conclusive negative position - there might always be another source or area that hasn't been checked. The most enjoyable part of the hunt is the chase. In this instance, the chase would be in New York and Virginia as well as in Guernsey (United Grand Lodge of England).

One bit of advice in this type of research - always observe the proper protocol. For instance, if one wishes to contact the United Grand Lodge of England, one does it through his own Grand Lodge. Certain jurisdictions have very set procedures and violation of these will result in closed doors.

Happy hunting!!

FORTHCOMING MASONIC CANCEL AND COVER

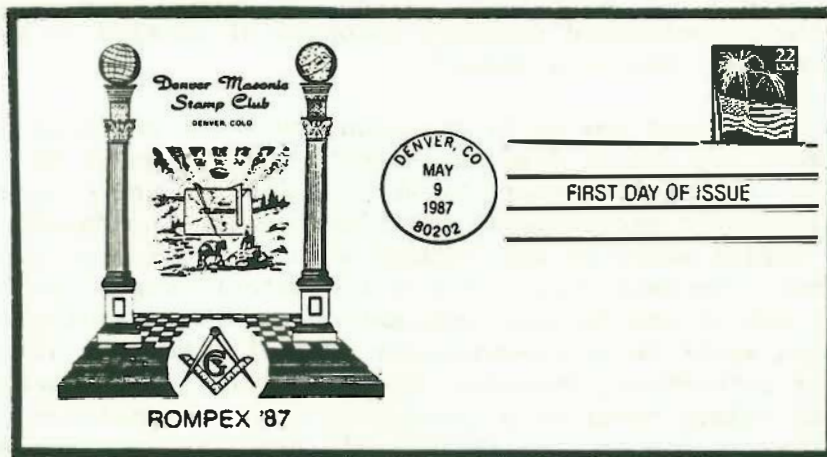
Those members interested in special cancels of a Masonic theme will be interested in the cancel shown below which has been announced by the USPS. It will be used from July 16 to 18 at the NWGA Convention Station, Spokane, Wash. 99201. Those wishing copies should address their requests to "Postmaster, Spokane, Wash. 99201-9998". The identification and date of the cancel should be marked clearly on the outer envelope and the request must be received on or before the dates noted.



A cacheted cover utilizing this cancel has also been offered in the press. It celebrates the annual convention of Northwest Grotto Association of Master Masons and depicts the Grotto emblem. Funds go into a humanitarian fund - the covers are \$1.50 each. They can be ordered from Sadir Khan Humanitarian Fund, 5303 No. Howard, Spokane, Wash. 99205. A SASE or IRC is required with each order.

1987 ROMPEX COVER

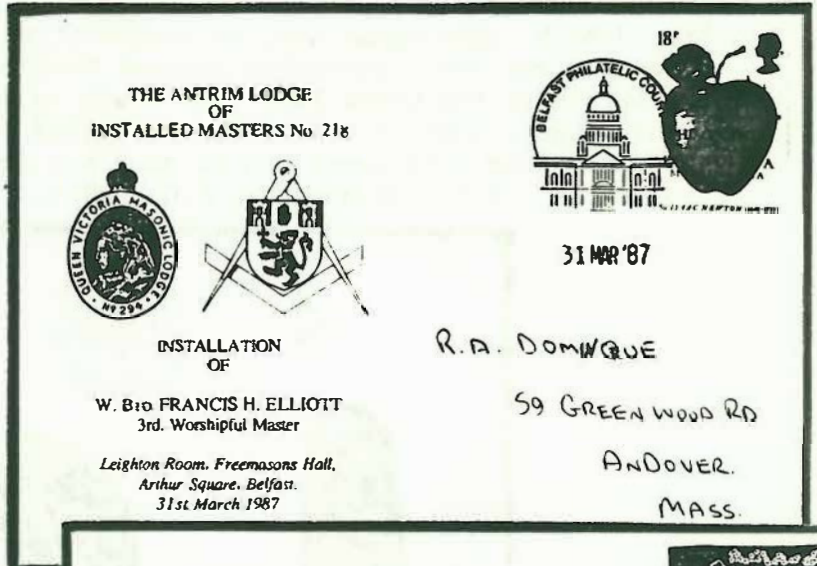
Since 1987 ROMPEX was the scene of the First Day of Issue of the flag and fireworks stamp, the Denver Masonic Stamp Club had the unique opportunity of combining their annual ROMPEX cover with an FDC. Shown below, it is available from Bro. J. N. Adams, 2685 So. Sherman St., Denver, Colo. 80210, for a cost of \$1.25 each.



A few members have recently requested an update of the membership list and availability thereof for the members. Bro. Otto Steding, your Sec.-Treas., and I view such an action with mixed emotions. Our conclusion at the present time is that we prefer not to publish the list. Our overseas brethren, within their respective clubs, practice the same philosophy for reasons of privacy and security. We can see the same advantages. Any member views on this subject?

RECENT COVERS FROM IRELAND

As mentioned elsewhere in this Newsletter, Wor. Bro. Francis H. Elliott was installed as the third Worshipful Master of The Antrim Lodge of Installed Masters No. 218 on 31 March 1987. The cover shown to the right was issued to commemorate this august occasion. Also shown are two other covers, one of which he issued and one which he has provided for viewing. Information on their acquisition can be obtained from him at 11 Wood End, Holywood, Belfast BT18 9PN, Northern Ireland.



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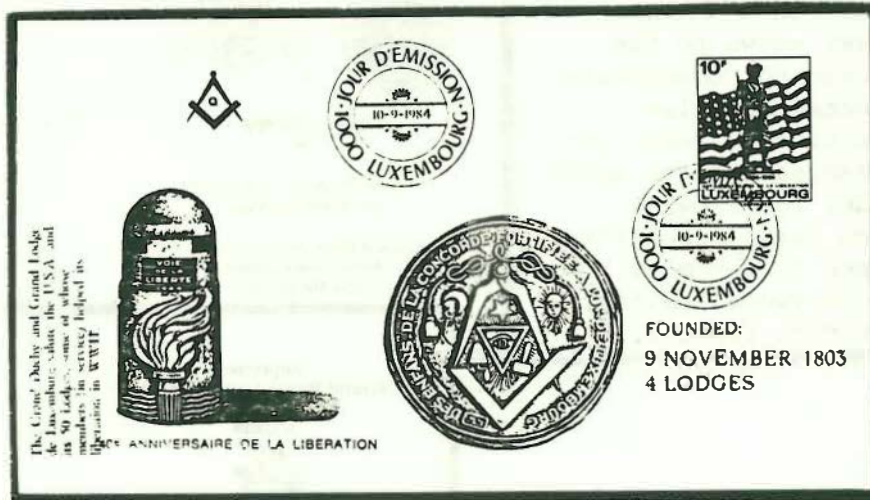


Bro. Jim Adams of Denver, Colo., has submitted a copy of this "humorous" Masonic post card which he recently acquired at a stamp show. It is difficult to determine whether this is for or against the craft.

Editor's Note: I saw a copy of this card at a post card show this past weekend and was quite surprised to see a price tag of \$8.00 on it. I am surprised at the way prices of cards in general and specifically specialty items such as this have taken off in value.

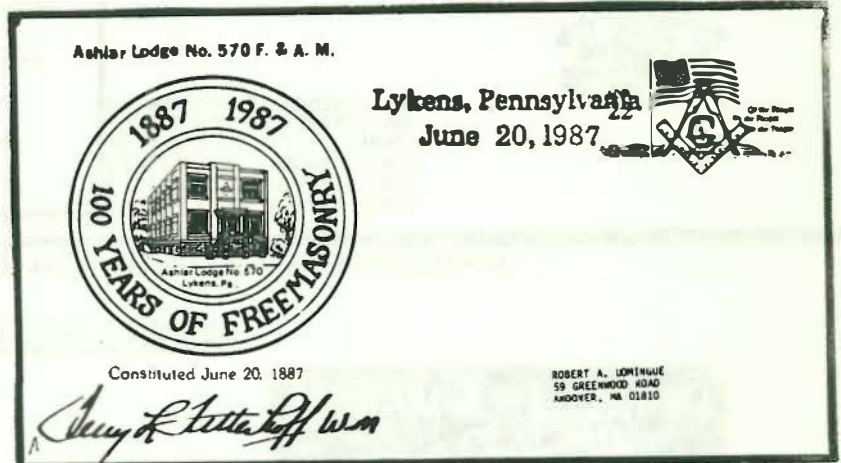
CUNNINGHAM/ITALIAN MSC COVER

Bro. John M. Cunningham has, in cooperation with Mrs. Dina Ricci and the Italian Masonic Stamp Club, published another Masonic Cacheted Cover. This cover defines the salute of the Grand Duchy and Grand Lodge of Luxembourg to the USA and its Grand Lodges, some of whose members helped the liberation in World War II. Information on this cover can be obtained from Bro. John at Grant 205, 3700 No. Capitol St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20317.



LYKENS, PENNA., COVER

The Lykens, Pa., cover mentioned on page 632 of this issue has been received and is shown to the right.



CHALLENGES TO OUR CANADIAN BRETHREN

The recent Canadian set in the Science and Technology series was released on June 25. It pictures five persons on the four stamps - Reginald Aubrey Fessenden, inventor of AM radio, Charles Fenerty, a Nova Scotian who developed newsprint pulp, Georges-Edouard Desbarats, newspaper publisher of Montreal, and his engraver William Leggo, and Frederick Newton Gisborne, a British engineer who initiated the idea of the transatlantic cable after immigrating to Canada. I cannot find any Masonic information on these persons. Were they Masons?